

**August 2009**  
**NORTHERN COMMAND**

# SAFESTAT REPORT

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## Overview

During August 2009, the Northern Command was ending our summer season. Each August is a busy month in Northern Nevada with the Hot August Night's event kicking off in the beginning of the month. This month, Northern Command officers handled 283 crashes. An overview of the crashes showed 202 were property damage, 77 were injury, and four were fatal. The total crashes decreased by 12.9% compared to last year. When compared to August of last year, fatal crashes decreased by 20%. As compared to last August, our regional commercial vehicle crashes increased by 5.6% to 19 crashes. In our overall August 2009 totals, intoxicated drivers were responsible for 19 of our total crashes in the Northern Command.

The officers in our command arrested 122 intoxicated drivers this month. The average blood alcohol level of these intoxicated drivers was, .16%, double the legal limit of .08% blood alcohol content. The average age of the intoxicated drivers was 34 years old. Our officers arrested another 84 people on various charges over the month of August. In other areas of enforcement, our officers wrote 3,019 speeding citations, 650 hazardous moving citations and 232 seat belt citations.

Based on this month's fatal accidents, the Northern Command would like to remind everyone to clear the areas around their vehicles before backing and to insure that all required children ride in appropriate and approved child seats or boosters.

The Northern Command thanks all of the employee's and assisting agencies for keeping our communities safe.

**NORTHERN COMMAND CRASH STATISTICS OVERVIEW**

0	Aug 09	Aug 08	% Change	July 09	% Change
Total Crashes	283	325	-12.9%	292	-3.1%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	202	224	-9.8%	175	15.4%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	77	96	-19.8%	114	-32.5%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4	5	-20.0%	3	33.3%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	19	19	0.0%	11	72.7%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	7	5	40.0%	4	75.0%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	0	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1	0	100.0%	2	-50.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	1	2	-50.0%	1	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	4	0	400.0%	1	300.0%
Total persons killed - seatbelts not applicable	1	3	-66.7%	0	-100.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	19	18	5.6%	28	-32.1%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	17	12	41.7%	22	-22.7%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	1	6	-83.3%	6	-83.3%
Fatal Crashes Involving Commercial Vehicles	1	0	100.0%	0	100.0%

**Crash Analysis**

- Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 1.4%
- Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.7%
- Percentage of persons killed without seatbelts to total person killed 16.7%
- Percentage of Commercial Vehicle crashes to total crashes 6.7%

## NORTHERN COMMAND FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY

[Analysis and review of current reporting period, versus same period in previous fiscal year, versus previous reporting period]

	Aug 09		Aug 08	% Change		July 09	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes ##	19		19	0.0%		11	72.7%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes ##	103		155	-33.5%		84	22.6%
Other Arrests	519		735	-29.4%		364	42.6%
Total persons arrested (DUI included) ##	206		317	-35.0%		163	26.4%
Speed violations	3019		3375	-10.5%		2762	9.3%
Hazardous moving violations	650		1280	-49.2%		697	-6.7%
Occupant restraint violations ##	232		584	-60.3%		306	-24.2%
Total violations [above violations included]	6995		9641	-27.4%		6227	12.3%
<b>Commercial Enforcement</b>							
Hazardous moving violations-citations/arrests	19		55	-65.5%		31	-38.7%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	242		35	591.4%		37	554.7%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	518		714	-27.5%		617	-16.0%
Terminal inspections [level 5] CR only	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	325		468	-30.6%		278	16.9%
Total safety violations -- repair order	1689		2526	-33.1%		2267	-25.5%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	91		121	-24.8%		99	-8.1%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	71		101	-29.7%		89	-20.2%
Total school buses inspected	63		176	-64.2%		47	34.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	8		15	-46.7%		7	14.3%
Total trucks weighed	590		126	368.3%		1350	-56.3%
Total overweight citations	15		39	-61.5%		14	7.1%
Total dyed fuel inspections	199		365	-45.5%		289	-31.1%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		2	-200.0%		1	-100.0%

**ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATIONS**

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	Aug 2009	Aug 2008	% Change	July 2009	% Change
<b>COMMUNICATION CENTER</b>					
Radio Transmissions from Console	238975	364631	-34.5%	228905	4.4%
CAD Incidents	17788	18607	-4.4%	19458	-8.6%
Telephone Calls	18340	23721	-22.7%	17292	6.1%
CAD Logs	130590	178218	-26.7%	155697	-16.1%
<b>FRONT OFFICE</b>					
Accident Reports Processed	327	261	25.29%	322	1.55%
Arrest Reports Processed	228	286	-20.28%	215	6.05%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	40	45	-11.11%	37	8.11%
Office Accident Reports Taken	19	10	90.0%	24	-20.83%
Citations Processed	3184	5791	-45.02%	4002	-20.44%
Vehicle Impound Releases	0	0	0.00%	1	-100.0%
Visitors at Counter	194	66	193.94%	188	3.19%
Crash Reports Mailed Out	\$803.00	\$686.50	16.97%	\$729.00	10.15%
<b>COURT / WARRANT</b>					
Warrants Received	540	856	-36.9%	681	-20.7%
Warrants Entered	718	248	189.5%	625	14.9%
Warrants Cleared	605	524	15.5%	690	-12.3%
Warrants Validated	2289	200	1044.5%	1582	44.7%
Extradition / Transports	34	16	112.5%	41	-17.1%

**IMPAIRED DRIVER ANALYSIS**

- Average BAC 0.16%
- Average age of DUI arrestees, 34 years old

**CONTRACT SERVICES**

- Five (5) contracts using 209.85 hours, billed in the amount of \$17,199.30

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

Phone Activity	Press Releases	Media Interview/TV	PIEO Meetings	Accident Response
412	4	15	1	3

Website E-Mail Traffic	E-Mail Responses	Public Relations Projects	News Articles Total	Proactive News Articles	Reactive News Articles
37	389	5	11	1	10

#### Additional Appearances, Events and Activities:

- On August 4<sup>th</sup>, Nevada Highway Patrol Northern Command personnel attended the annual community safety and awareness event in Carson City labeled “National Night Out”. This was our 6<sup>th</sup> year participating in the event where those attending could meet and interact with their local public safety and military personnel. The event was held at Mills Park and it was estimated that several thousand residents attended. Our agency had the Seat Belt Convincer trailer on display along with two patrol cars and a motorcycle. Troopers answered questions, handed out safety brochures and stressed the importance of seat belts.
- Assisted with media at a serious accident on US 395 in Reno that resulted in three fatalities and several people injured. This event resulted in numerous radio, television and print media interviews for several days after the event.
- Our agency was called upon to investigate the death of a 17-month-old toddler who was struck and killed in his own driveway by an employee of an adjoining county. That tragic accident also resulted in numerous interviews by the local media outlets. Because of this tragedy, we have been stressing to motorists the importance of always paying special attention when backing up a vehicle, especially when there is knowledge of children present in the area as part of our safety messaging to the media.
- Attended the National Information Officers Association Annual Conference in Nashville, Tennessee. The four-day conference covered lessons learned after several high profile cases were discussed. As part of the conference, our PIO delivered a presentation about the importance of building professional relationships with local media outlets and stressed the importance of being visible, available and always following through with inquiries.
- As we approach September, we are gearing up for the unofficial ending of summer with the 3-day Labor Day weekend and the numerous events taking place in northern Nevada.

#### FLIGHT OPERATIONS

The Northern Command aircraft made 24 flights during the month of August for 54.6 flight hours. Following is a breakdown of activities

Total Missions	Flight Hours	% of Flight Time	Description
7	28.8	53	Speed Enforcement
7	10.8	20	Prisoner Transport
5	9.1	17	Personnel Transport
4	5.1	9	Maintenance
1	.8	1	Lake of the Sky Air Show

On August 6, while taxiing for takeoff in Reno with an escort officer and two prisoners, the airplane's right main wheel outer flange broke off, resulting in a blowout of the tire. The airplane was towed by dolly to a hangar at Jet West Aviation where El Aero Services of Carson City made repairs for \$ 3312.11.



The radio re-band on the airplane's 800 MHz radio was accomplished by the radio technicians on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

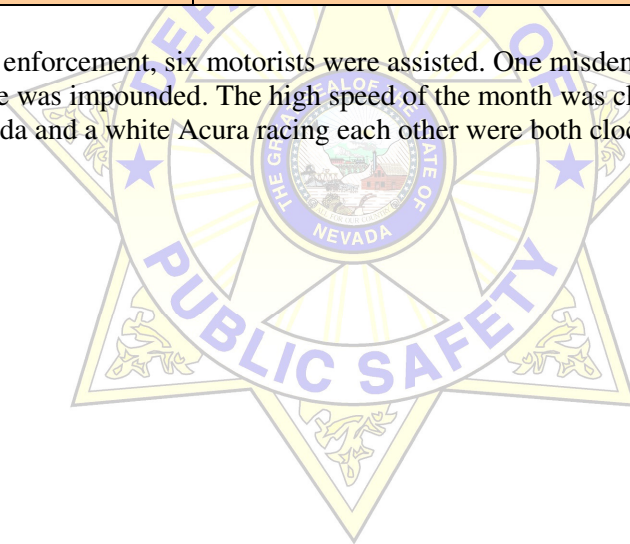
On August 27, the Chief and the Deputy Director were flown to Boise, ID to attend the Northwestern University Police Staff and Command graduation on the August 28<sup>th</sup>.

The airplane was on static display at the South Lake Tahoe Lake in the Sky air show on August 29<sup>th</sup>.

Nine speed enforcement missions were scheduled for the month, seven were flown. One was cancelled due to the broken wheel, one was cancelled for a personnel transport to Las Vegas and one was cancelled for maintenance. One mission was added in the Central Command on August 27<sup>th</sup>. Following is a breakdown of enforcement activities.

Type of Violation	Enforcement Actions
Speed	187
Hazardous	5
Non-Hazardous	25
Seat belt	4

During the course of enforcement, six motorists were assisted. One misdemeanor DUI arrest was made and one vehicle was impounded. The high speed of the month was clocked at Derby Dam on the 20<sup>th</sup> - a black Honda and a white Acura racing each other were both clocked at 100 mph.



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